

My Brethren:

At times I wish this Trestleboard was illustrated. I want you to see a picture that I am going to try to paint with words. First let me recall to you how a crane's knees look; how knobby they are when compared with his slender legs? We see the same structure in young calves, colts, and boys around twelve or thirteen. Their joints seem to grow out of all proportion to the size of their legs and it makes them look weak, awkward, and wobbly on their pins. A small boy I want you to visualize was in this stage of development. His short Boy Scout knickers and his rolled-down stockings showed him a spindly and physically weak lad.

He was carrying a baby; one of those fat, squashy babies. It was all full of wrinkles and dimples, and where he squeezed it, his arms sank as if he hugged a toy balloon. The baby's head lay over his shoulder and it cooed, blew bubbles, and was quite happy as it dribbled down his back. The boy was staggering toward a neighboring park with it when I met him. It was such a big load for such a spindle-shanked boy that I thought of a small tug pushing a big liner into its dock or a small ant dragging a big grub home to his hill. "Pretty big load for such a small kid," I said as I met him. "Why, mister," he smiled, "HE AIN'T HEAVY; HE'S MY BROTHER."

I belong to several lodges and service clubs. In every one of them we work beautiful degrees intended to impress the great lesson of the brotherhood of man. But not one of all those degrees ever made such an impression on me as that remark — "HE AIN'T HEAVY; HE'S MY BROTHER."

I have heard the great pulpit orators of our day and attended the meetings of some of the countries great revivalists. These eloquent, educated teachers have expounded the laws of God and praised the universal brotherhood, but not one of them ever moved me as that snub-nosed kid with his matter-of-course answer, "HE AIN'T HEAVY; HE'S MY BROTHER."

Hard-boiled men from all walks of life join Masonic Lodges. The mellowing influence of the brotherhood in our organization changes them from cold, calculating men, almost machine-like in the eternal digging for the pile of dollars which they try to accumulate, to warm enthusiasts of our Masonic Charities. But we who have to be educated gradually to become human again have missed the biggest thing in life which this simple, unaffected boy had growing in his heart. "HE AIN'T HEAVY; HE'S MY BROTHER."

If only we could feel it as strongly as this small boy. We, too, have to carry the burden of some of our fellowmen. We, too, have to struggle along the up-hill path of life with some of the other fellows' weight on our own spindling legs. And all of us fret and quarrel a bit at the weakness of the other fellow we lug along when he can't make his own legs carry him. Sometimes he laughs when we help him, and then we think he has no business being happy while he is a burden on us! But from now on I am going to whistle as I lug him.

Donating to charity, helping our fellowman a burden? No, it's a joy! "HE AIN'T HEAVY; HE'S MY BROTHER."

Brethren:

You are cordially invited to attend the following communications of Shekinah Lodge:

REGULAR COMMUNICATION

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 2, 1990 – 7:30 p.m. Balloting on the following petition for membership: MR. DAVID ARTHUR LINTON, Age 57, Bell Telephone of Penna., 290 Keron Drive, Millville
Refreshments

EMERGENT COMMUNICATION

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 16, 1990 – 7:30 p.m. FELLOWCRAFT DEGREE – BROTHER SHEPPARD WHITAKER McHENRY III.
Refreshments

DATES TO REMEMBER

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 21, 1990 – Shekinah Chapter No. 82 O.E.S. Master Mason's Night – Shekinah Masonic Temple, Dinner 6:30 p.m., Meeting 7:30 p.m.

FRIDAY, FEBRUARY 23, 1990 – Masonic Play, "House Undivided" will be presented at the Excelsior Scottish Rite Temple, 315 White Horse Pike, West Collingswood, at 7:45 p.m. ALL PERSONS, Masons, non-Masons, wives, children, are invited. Dinner preceding at 6:00/6:30 p.m. Cost \$6.00 Call 854-1991.

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 28, 1990 – **Lodge to Grand Secretary's Office Relations.**

Woodstown Lodge No. 138, 32 Auburn Road, Woodstown, NJ, 7:30 p.m. 21st & 22nd Districts – Masters – Wardens – Secretaries requested to attend. All Brethren welcome.

FRIDAY, MARCH 2, 1990 – 7:30 p.m. Regular Communication, Shekinah Lodge No. 58 – OFFICIAL VISIT – R.W. RICHARD R. BOSTON, D.D.G.M. – Regular Business.

THURSDAY, MARCH 8, 1990 – 6:00 p.m. Shekinah Lodge No. 58 – BLOOD BANK – "GIVE A PERSON IN NEED ANOTHER CHANCE"

NORMAN H. PEEK, W.M.

Attested: Marvin White, P.M. Sec'y

SIGN IN A LOAN OFFICE: We will loan you enough money to get you completely out of debt

DID YOU KNOW: More steel is used in the United States to manufacture bottle caps than to make automobiles

I endorsed a note for a friend in hard luck a year ago. He has not yet been able to pay it. Three times I have renewed it for him, standing sponsor for his honesty in the bank. I know in my heart I have not been as cordial to him when he came in for renewals as I might. I know he is doing the best he can. I know he is up against it and someday he will pay. But he was getting heavy till I met that kid. Now I feel differently about it. "HE AIN'T HEAVY; HE'S MY BROTHER."

Our Lodge spends a lot of money. Where does it go? It goes to local charities, our Masonic Home, local scholarship and to our own members in need. But sometimes when we are asked to donate we call it an unnecessary burden. But I shall never feel the burden of any such assessment or request. "HE AIN'T HEAVY; HE'S MY BROTHER."

The little speaker made me think what a lucky person I am. I have two cars, a nice home, a wonderful wife, children that are straight and God's love. I have friends scattered from one end of this state to the other. Money has never come to me in great sums nor do I care to have it. When I think of how hard it is for some people, less lucky, to get it I know I am blessed far, far beyond my just do.

I'm going to hold my luck. Life is a lot like a poker game. You can play on for years, filling almost every hand you draw to; suddenly there comes a change and you will hold nothing but an assortment of blasted hopes and bob-tailed flushes. Somehow I am superstitious enough to think if my luck is going to hold I've got to be mighty kind and helpful to the other fellows, not so lucky as I.

So I shall try to be more grateful and less grouchy, try to play them a little looser and not quite so close to my chest, try to look around a little more to see if I haven't missed some places where I could drop a friendly dollar or a happy smile which might give some one else a lift.

I intend to remember that spindle-legged kid and if I have set down even half of his unconscious sermon, you also will not forget:

"HE AIN'T HEAVY; HE'S MY BROTHER!"

FRATERNALLY,

NORMAN H. PEEK, Worshipful Master

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